

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 31, 1901.

THE GREAT DIAMAL SWAMP.

The Department of Agriculture is about to issue an exhaustive bulletin on the Great Diamal Swamp, its flora and its agricultural possibilities. There is, perhaps, no part of the United States which has been explored so little as the Great Diamal Swamp, unless it be the Everglades of Florida. This great body of land, covered with forests growing in six to ten feet of water, extends over an area of about 2,400 square miles, its greatest width being 40 miles and its greatest length 60 miles. A botanical expedition under Thomas H. Kearney, Jr., spent six months in and about the swamp gathering material for this report. The climate of the Diamal Swamp region is characterized by a mild winter and by a long and hot, though not extremely hot, summer. About eight months in the year the region is free from killing frosts. The normal fall of snow is very small. Its climate is regarded as very favorable to the growth of normal plants.

Lake Drummond lies almost in the center of the swamp and is a body of water three miles in diameter. The water derives its brownish color from the quantity of vegetable matter held in solution. It is regarded by the natives as having excellent tonic properties derived from the bark of the white cedar or "juniper" trees. Lake Drummond contains a multitude of gray old cypress stumps, worn by weather and water in a thousand fantastic shapes. A few small trees are yet alive, the remains of a noble forest. Large areas are covered with peat, the product of decaying vegetation extending over centuries. The peat in the black green parts of the swamp contains more vegetable matter than other peat, and when cleared, a fine top soil is left. The soil is acid, however, and the application of lime is often necessary.

It is doubtful if the drainage of the swamp for the purpose of raising corn would pay in competition with the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, where land is easily brought under cultivation, but the swamp soils are capable of producing as large yields of corn as the prairie soils in the Mississippi Valley, and the climate conditions are more favorable, largely owing to the favorable rainfall. Gum trees, oak, beech, maple, elm, pine, myrtle and other trees are found in the swamp. Owing to the value of the wood, the cypress has been cut until few specimens are left, although occasionally some are found with a height of 120 feet and four to five feet in diameter above the base.

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AUCTION SALES.
PUBLIC SALE OF A BUILDING AND TWO VALUABLE LOTS OF LAND IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.
By virtue of an order entered by the Hon. Charles E. Nicol, Judge of the Circuit Court of Alexandria County, Va., in vacation, on the 20th day of July, 1901, in the matter of the petition of the county school board for the sale of the building known as the Ruffner School House and two lots of land therewith, near Del Ray, in Jefferson school district, of said county, and for the reinvestment of the proceeds in completing, furnishing and equipping a new and much larger building for public school purposes in said school district, the undersigned commissioners of sale, for that purpose appointed by his honor, the Judge of said Circuit Court, will, on

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1901,

at 5 o'clock p. m.,

on the premises, sell to the highest bidder at public auction the said BUILDING AND TWO ADJOINING LOTS OF LAND, known as Ruffner School House and grounds, the first of said lots being bounded by meter and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at A, on the south side of the Poor House Lane, at the intersection of two fences, John Robertson's corner, thence south 11 degrees, east 17 1/2 feet to B, a stake in said Robertson's line, thence south 11 degrees, east 40 1/2 feet to C, a stake, north 11 degrees, west 17 1/2 feet to D, on the south side of said lane, with the lane north 88 1/2 degrees, east 40 1/2 feet to the beginning, containing 2 1/2 poles as per survey and plat made by Thomas N. Carter, surveyor of said county.

The second of said lots being described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point in the south side of Poor House Lane at the north-west corner of the present school lot four hundred and seventy-four (474) feet west of the center line of the west track of the Washington Southern Railway, near St. Asaph Junction, thence making a forward angle of 89 degrees 45 minutes with Poor House Lane, south one hundred and seventy-five feet, nine inches (175' 9") thence east along rear line of present school lot and parallel to Poor House Lane forty-one (41) feet to Robertson's line, thence south along Robertson's line, parallel to the first described line seventy-five (75) feet to Barker's line, thence west along said line parallel to Poor House Lane eighty-two (82) feet, thence north parallel to the first described line two hundred and fifty feet, nine inches (250' 9") to Poor House Lane, thence making an interior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes east with Poor House Lane, forty-one (41) feet to the beginning and containing three hundred and seven thousandths (3 000 7) of an acre.

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